

Wright Designs 'Crystal City' for Temple Heights

Famed Architect Completing Plans for Living-Shopping Area

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Plans and specifications for turning the historic 10-acre tract at Connecticut and Florida avenues N.W., known as Temple Heights, into a mammoth apartment, hotel and shopping center structure of the most modern type will be complete and ready to begin construction in about three months.

This was disclosed today by Frank Lloyd Wright, world famous architect and designer of the development, at a press conference in the offices of Roy S. Thurman, head of the syndicate which is financing the development.

In an outline of preliminary plans, it was explained that the new structure—to be known as "Crystal City"—will include an extensive hotel and apartment structure of some 2,500 rooms; stores on successive levels to form a complete shopping center; a modern theater with a capacity of more than 1,000, and parking facilities for as many as 1,500 cars.

\$15,000,000 Project.

Novel "tunnel" connections with the streets will facilitate the movement of cars within "Crystal City," and, according to Mr. Wright, a line of cars eight miles long can be stored within 20 minutes.

The new structure, Mr. Wright said, would use to full advantage the natural slopes and woodland on the property. The area has been owned by the Grand Lodge of the Masons since 1922 and was intended for a national Masonic memorial which did not materialize. Mr. Thurman said that while title had not yet been passed, all arrangements were completed. It is estimated that the entire project, which will only consume about half of the 10-acre tract, will cost between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

Mr. Thurman declined to reveal the membership of the syndicate which he said had "a passion for anonymity." He said, however, that it consisted of some 12 groups, most of them from out of town.

Versailles Won't Look Like Much.

Mr. Wright, designer of the famous Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, but as yet unrepresented in the Capital, said the new structure will be carried on 21 vertical concrete shafts of varying heights, the tallest rising about 135 feet. Mr. Thurman said the syndicate would have to go before the Board of Zoning Adjustments to obtain permission for a structure of this height. Construction will be of pure white marble, bronze and glass, with the leading material.

From these basic shafts will be suspended the screens of steel and glass forming the rooms. Under the nature of the construction nearly every room will have a balcony, a natural fireplace and two sides of glass.

"Versailles won't look like much compared to this when it is finished," commented the white-haired architect.

Built Like a Tree.

Mr. Wright compared the suspension of the floors from the central shafts with branches on a tree. Mr. Thurman smilingly declared that if the new structure was not bombproof, at least it would be completely fireproof, earthquake proof.

"And vermin proof," interjected Mr. Wright.

The structure will feature beautiful gardens, terraces, fountains and roof gardens.

Mr. Thurman assured that "Treaty Oak," a historical landmark on the old estate with which an Indian legend is associated—would be preserved.

Mr. Wright said the design was known as "Usonian," a term coined by the famous author, Samuel Butler, in referring to things American. He said it is the basic foundation of modern architecture.

None of Sinking Victims Believed Bound for D. C.

Although still without definite word, officials of the District branch of the United States Committee for the Care of European Children are "fairly certain" that none of the children lost in the sinking of a British liner a week ago was bound for Washington.

Mrs. John Jay O'Connor, chairman of the unit, said today she expected information from New York during the day as to whether any of the youngsters were on their way to homes here.

She called attention to an announcement by Marshall Field, president of the Refugee Children's Committee, that the torpedoed ship, bound for Canada, was not carrying children evacuated by his group.

At the same time, Mrs. O'Connor pointed out that thus far 51 homes have been offered children by families in the Washington area.

To others contemplating similar offers, Mrs. O'Connor reminded that the first step calls for an interview at committee headquarters, 1101 M street N.W.

Wins Strayer Scholarship

Miss F. Abbie Wells, 1133 Thirteenth street N.W., has been awarded a one-year scholarship at Strayer College, Lt. Col. Thomas J. Strayer, chairman of the World War Orphan's Committee of the District Department of the American Legion, announced today.

The scholarship was offered to the Legion by the college.

Plans Started for Fair

A special committee of the Arts Club of Washington met yesterday to initiate plans for a Latin American fair to be held at the club the fourth week in October. Lyle A. Brookover is chairman of the Fair Committee and Mrs. William S. Hepner and Rowland Lyon are vice chairmen.



HOW TO CONCEAL A TANK—Army camouflage men have attempted to hide this 15-ton tank by dressing it up in tree branches, a trick used by African bushmen. Tanks are difficult to camouflage, for noise can never be hidden and the tanks make tracks easily discernible from scout planes.

President Will Lay Airport Cornerstone At 3 P.M. Tomorrow

Elaborate Ceremonies Are Arranged on Land And in Air

With elaborate air and ground ceremonies, beginning at 3 p.m. tomorrow, President Roosevelt will lay the cornerstone of the Terminal Building at the \$13,500,000 Washington National Airport. Gravelly Point. Present plans call for the airport to be dedicated and put into operation December 17, the 37th anniversary of the first airplane flight, at Kitty Hawk, N.C.

In a 5-minute address, the President is expected to point out the importance of the new air terminal, which is expected to be the largest and most modern airport in the United States and to exceed in size and facilities such world-famous airports as Croydon, at London; Tempelhof, at Berlin, and Le Bourget, at Paris.

The President will arrive at the airport, driving over the main north-south runway, shortly after 3 p.m. He will be driven to a temporary earth mound 500 feet in front of the 540-foot new terminal building, where he will take a microphone and order the first landings by airplanes on the new airport.

Fleet of Seven Airliners.

A fleet of seven transport airliners, which will be circling the area with a party of distinguished guests, will come in again land on the newly paved runways. Assistant Secretary of Commerce Robert H. Hinckley, in a Civil Aeronautics Board airplane, will head the party.

This plane will be followed by airliners from each of the three transport lines now operating out of Washington—American Airlines, Eastern Air Lines and Pennsylvania-Central Airlines. Transport and cargo airplanes of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps will follow.

The party then will proceed to a grandstand erected in the rear of the Terminal Building, where the President will speak over National radio networks and lay the cornerstone. Admission to the stand will be by card and will be confined to officials, members of Congress and aviation and civic representatives who have been particularly invited in construction of the airport.

The public will be admitted to the new airport without cards. Visitors can enter from the Mount Vernon Highway at the point where the old and new roads diverge, and follow the old route of the highway to the high ground along the flying field, the area of attraction for the ceremony, and part of the area immediately behind the terminal building, within view of the grandstand.

Flying Ceremony Is Secret.

From these points there will be ample opportunity to see, and hear the ceremonies over a loud speaker system. Air ceremonies will be held over the field following the cornerstone laying. The nature of these flying events is being withheld as a "surprise" feature.

"We will be glad to have the public there," Col. Sumpter Smith, chairman of the Interdepartmental Engineering Commission, under whose supervision the airport has been built, said. "Though this area is in anything but a completed state, it is far enough along to show what a center of attraction it will be when completed, with its landscaped lawns rolling down from the new location of the boulevard to the edge of the flying field."

Runways Nearly Complete.

The area available for flight operations tomorrow includes the entire north-south runway, 6,855 feet long and 200 feet wide, and most of the northwest-southeast runway, 5,210 feet long and 200 feet wide. These runways will carry 75 per cent of the traffic on the completed field, it is estimated. The other two runways, each to be 150 feet wide, are the 4,892-foot northeast-southwest runway and the 4,100-foot east-west runway.

The runways are 90 per cent completed, Col. Smith announced. Remaining work on the airport includes leveling and planting of the areas between the runways, completion of the terminal building and hangars, for which \$2,700,000 has been included in a deficiency bill reported to the House last week.

All hangar space and all space in the terminal already is rented or spoken for, Col. Smith announced.

Roosevelt to Speak In Deeds Recorder Building Ceremonies

Ground Will Be Broken Thursday; Program to Include Band Concert

President Roosevelt will make the principal address at the official ground breaking ceremonies for the new Recorder of Deeds Building, Sixth and D streets N.W., on Thursday, it was announced today.

Mr. Roosevelt is scheduled to speak at 5 p.m., following a program featuring District and Federal Government officials. Dr. William J. Thompson, recorder of deeds, is to be the master of ceremonies.

He will take over the program following a half-hour concert beginning at 3:30 p.m. by the United States Army Band, under the leadership of Capt. Thomas F. Darcy.

Scheduled speakers include District Commissioner Melvin C. Hazen, John Russell Young and Col. David McCoach, Jr., Senator Thomas of Oklahoma; Representatives Randolph, of West Virginia; Nichols, of Oklahoma, and Kennedy of Maryland. Also listed for participation in the program are the United States Minister to Liberia, Lester A. Walton, George C. Havenner, member of Northwest Citizens' Council; J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the Washington Lodge of Elks, and Rossa P. Downing.

The Howard University Glee Club will give several musical selections under the leadership of Roy W. Tibbs, director. The Rev. A. F. Elmes, pastor of the Peoples Congregational Church, will deliver the invocation, and Elder Solomon Lightfoot, pastor of the Church of God, will pronounce the benediction.

The ceremonies will be held at the site of the new building on the ground formerly occupied by the old Police Court Building. The structure is to be built under \$450,000 P. W. A. project. It will be three stories faced with limestone, and designed to conform in architectural style with the other buildings of the municipal center, of which it will be a part.

The offices of the Recorder of Deeds now are housed at 412 Fifth street N.W. The new quarters are scheduled to be ready for occupancy about July 1, 1941.

Milk Dispute Revived Briefly in House

The District milk situation flared up in the House again yesterday, but the discussion lasted only a minute.

It was started by Representative Hoffman, Republican, of Michigan, who asked a question of Representative Schulte, Democrat, of Indiana, who has fought for more than a year to open the District milk market to milk and cream produced outside the existing local milkshed in Maryland and Virginia.

"Are you going to continue to keep this milk market closed or let good milk in?" was Mr. Hoffman's question.

"I hope next year to break down the most vicious trade wall that exists anywhere," replied Mr. Schulte.

Several times in the last month discussions over the local milk situation have developed on the House floor. Each time Representative Schulte has taken a leading part and reiterated his oft-repeated charge that the milk supply of the District is monopolistically controlled.

Band Concert

By the United States Soldiers' Home Band at the bandstand in the home this evening at 6 o'clock. John S. M. Zimmermann, bandmaster; Anton Pointner, assistant.

Program.

March, "Army Engineer."

Gen. R. J. Burt, U. S. A., retired Overture, "Mercedes" Desane Entr'acte.

a. "Phantom Brigade," Myddelton b. "La Paloma," Yradier

Scenes from the opera "Gabiella," Pizzi

(The only grand opera ever specially written for Adeline Patti.)

Popular numbers—

"Believe It, Beloved" Johnson

"Caravan" Duke Ellington

Waltz, "Nights of Gladness," Ancliffe

Final, "General Pershing," Vandersloot

"The Star Spangled Banner."

Army Is Looking for Men To Go on Camouflage Duty

The Work Is Exacting, but Corps Offers Chance to Escape Doughboy's Routine

Any draftee or Guardsman who counts himself to be a cross between an imaginative artist and a hard-boiled practical day laborer may be able to detach himself from the routine duties of a doughboy and enter the Army's camouflage corps.

This was revealed yesterday as Lt. Col. Homer Saint-Gaudens of the Army Engineer Reserves, and son of the famous sculptor, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, announced that there is plenty of room for peculiarly-fitted men in the camouflage corps.

Here are some of the requirements for being a good camouflage man as Col. Saint-Gaudens lists them:

"First of all, the camouflage officer or man must be a healthy trained soldier and young enough to take it, if need be, with any other man in uniform who may rub elbows with him in the field. The camouflage man, like the machine-gun man or the cook, must be able to walk 20 miles a day, lugging 60 pounds on his back, and be able to do it the next day."

A Lot to Camouflage Work.

"Having acquaintances in the English camouflage section, I learned a bit about their set-up. If the camouflage group in that British contingent at Dunkirk had not known how to handle themselves as other troops their presence would have been an added tragedy during those black hours."

"A man's camouflage activities, after his education as a soldier has been completed, mean a lot besides devising a sniper's veil that will not tangle in the bolt of a rifle, or dazle-painting a tank. Camouflage requires the co-ordination of many details."

"It means inducing a worn-out battery to set up of a night, before they start digging in their guns. Those flat-top nets garnished with strips of burlap that form the best hiding scheme yet devised. Camouflage is not just putting up 'Keep Off the Grass' signs and expecting 2,000,000 soldiers to pay attention."

And this isn't all. In tense moments, the camouflage man—who in normal life might have been a painter of pastorals or a Brooklyn taxi driver—may be called upon to fire his guns, guide a detail of men over "no-man's land," or perhaps hunt members of a lost detachment who have gotten themselves so well "camouflaged" that no one can find them.

Must Never Go to Sleep.

"Above all," said Col. Saint-Gaudens, who saw camouflage duty during the World War, "a camouflage officer must never go to sleep. He must never compromise."

Those who are especially urged to volunteer for camouflage work are the Hollywood property men, "prop" men, as they are affectionately known to the profession of which they are so important a part.

"Such a man is hard-boiled, hard-living, resourceful, disciplined, yet able to act on his own," Col. Saint-Gaudens asserted. "He works at all hours, sleeps in his tracks, eats anything you lay in his hand."

"He has a keen eye for the appearance of an object. Once he has been taught whether the object is to be seen through a pair of binoculars from the ground or from an airplane camera up above, he can somehow put together something that will resemble that object or something that will make that object resemble something else or nothing at all, as you will."

It was pointed out that Hollywood property men first devised the trick of planting emergency landing fields with various kinds of grass and

an exception, praying that the justices will allow it, which if they will not allow, if he that alleged the exception, do write the same exception, and require that the justices will put to their seals for a witness, the justices shall do so, and if one will not, another of the company shall. (2) And if the King, upon complaint made of the justices, shall the record to come before him, and the same exception be not found in the roll, and the plaintiff found in the local statutes an old British law which antedates Paul Revere's famous ride and the Revolutionary War.

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Method to Reduce Traffic Congestion In District Sought

Trade Board Unit Studies Problem Arising From Defense Program

Members of the Traffic Committee of the Board of Trade today were seeking new methods of handling the constantly increasing traffic flow in the District due to the defense program.

New highways to provide easy access to congested areas are urgently needed, Capt. H. C. Whitehurst, District highway director, told the group yesterday at its first fall luncheon, meeting at O'Donnell's Restaurant.

The increase in Washington's population, he warned, means the clogging of present routes through the Capital. Even now, he explained, there is need for an additional highway between Rock Creek Park and Connecticut avenue and possibly grade separation projects at Klingle and Military roads and Tilden street N.W.

Alexandria Bridge Proposed.

In addition, the speaker declared, a new bridge at Alexandria would aid greatly in accommodating the growing flow of traffic between that city and Washington.

The highway planning survey being conducted by his department, he said, is now in its third season and since it is necessary for the survey to go through four seasons before a complete count of motor vehicles can be made accurately, no report will be available until early next spring. Meanwhile he asked for the group's co-operation in eliminating bottlenecks and traffic congestion in and near Washington.

A start in promoting the free flow of traffic here already has been provided in a comprehensive street-widening and road extension program included in the 1942 budget.

Items in Program.

Among items in the program are: 1. Widening of Sixth street from D to M streets N.W.

2. Widening of Wisconsin avenue from R to Thirty-seventh streets N.W.

3. Widening of Third street from H street to New York avenue N.W.

4. Widening of M street S.E. from Fourth to Eleventh streets.

5. Widening of U street from Tenth to Sixteenth streets N.W.

6. Paving of Massachusetts avenue N.W. from Nebraska avenue to the District line.

7. Extension of South Capitol street from Nichols avenue to the District line.

8. Extension of Alabama avenue S.E. from Pennsylvania avenue to the District line.

P. Y. Howat, chairman, presided at yesterday's meeting.

Parents' Club at Y. M. Elects Jenkins President

Recent election of permanent officers of the Parents' Club of the Central Y. M. C. A. boys' department was announced yesterday. Douglas B. Jenkins, sr., who is president of the Langdon School Parent-Teacher Association, which sponsors swimming classes for crippled children, was elected club president.

Others elected were John R. Kays, vice president; Ralph L. Lewis, financial secretary; Mrs. Esther G. Crews, Frank W. Gathof, Mrs. Koone Pecot and Mrs. Allen J. Marsh, members of the Executive Committee. Trustees elected were William C. Cunningham, William T. Fry and Mrs. Lois Hammond.

The club was organized during the summer, functioning with temporary officers. Its activities have included paying the expenses of two boys at Camp Letts, the Central Y. M. C. A. boys' camp; serving hot lunches on Saturdays to boy members of the Y. M. C. A.; assisting in directing "girl's night" at the boys' department and sponsoring a trip to the New York World's Fair, made by 28 Y. M. C. A. boys.

Communists Call Rally

A "Civil Liberties Rally" called by the Executive Committee of the District Communist party, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Eighth and D streets N.W.

D. C. Law Gives England's King Authority in Today's Courts

The King of England still has something to say about the disposition of cases brought before the courts of the District.

It took the Committee on Revision of Laws of the House, headed by Representative Keough, Democrat, of New York to make the discovery, legal code, Mr. Keough's committee studying a bill designed to repeal obsolete sections of the District legal code, Mr. Keough's committee found in the local statutes an old British law which antedates Paul Revere's famous ride and the Revolutionary War.

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School Registration Is Second Highest In D. C. History

Opening Day Enrollment Is 84,287, Exceeding Last Year by 800

Public school registrations continued today as school statisticians reported an opening day enrollment yesterday of 84,287—the second highest first day total in the history of the schools.

Not since September of 1936, when 84,533 students signed up, has such a large group registered. The enrollment exceeded the opening day figures for last year by 800.

Another count is being taken today, and two others will be completed by the end of the week, at which time the number is expected to exceed 90,000.

Not included in these figures are the 5,191 enrolled in the white night schools. These enrollees included approximately 30 refugees, according to E. J. Lockwood. Most of the refugees want to improve their oral English. Mr. Lockwood said he was surprised at the excellent English many of the group speak, as far as grammar and choice of words is concerned. He said many of them apparently had studied English in their home countries. Night school enrollment is expected to increase by another 2,000 in a week or so and may reach 10,000 or 12,000 later.

In the day school registrations, 19,442 in the junior high schools, 16,131 in the senior high schools, 1,147 in vocational schools and 980 in Wilson and Miner Teachers Colleges.

Broken down into educational levels, the enrollment revealed 19,442 in the elementary schools, 19,442 in the junior high schools, 16,131 in the senior high schools, 1,147 in vocational schools and 980 in Wilson and Miner Teachers Colleges.

Minimum Wage Proposal Protested by Railroads

Opposition to the 36-cent-an-hour minimum wage recommended by the Railroad Carrier Industry Committee for trunk line railroads was registered at a hearing at the Willard Hotel today held by the Wage and Hour Division.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad Co., which controls the Great Northern Railroad Co., entered opposition for both lines. Also appearing in opposition to the recommendation were the Texas & New Orleans, the Texas & Pacific, the Kansas City Southern, the Louisiana & Arkansas, the Columbia & Greenville, the Gulf Coast Lines, the Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee; the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric & Motor Coach Employees of America and the United Transport Service Employees of America.

Crime Victim's Observations Fell Too Short

For a short time last night police thought they had found the most observant crime victim on record. Basil Paulimenokos, 45, of 499 C street S.W., reported that he had been robbed. It happened at 11 p.m., he said. The place was Sixth and C streets S.W. The bandit was a colored man, about 21 years of age and about 5 feet 8 inches tall. He wore a dark suit and a brown felt hat and he needed a shave pretty badly. He was armed with a black pistol and he forced Mr. Paulimenokos to hand over the money in his pockets. That money, Mr. Paulimenokos said, consisted of a half dollar, a quarter, three dimes and four nickels.

Within a short time police picked up a suspicious-looking colored man in the vicinity of the robbery. He fitted Mr. Paulimenokos' description perfectly. And in his pockets police found a half dollar, a quarter, three dimes and four nickels.

Policemen were marveling at Mr. Paulimenokos' powers of observation and were about to vote him the all-time local champion in this respect, when they examined the black pistol found on the suspect.

It was a toy pistol. Mr. Paulimenokos had noticed that.

Rare Editions Shown To President by Parma

Two volumes of a rare edition of the "Book of Knowledge," published by the Grolier Society of New York, were shown to President Roosevelt today by Valta Parma, former curator of the Rare Books Division at the Library of Congress.

The books are bound in French levant leather and had an original value of \$300 each.

Early Birds' Entertain Flaherty and Redskins

Deifying an early morning grouch, nearly 100 business and professional members of the Early Birds entertained Coach Ray Flaherty and three of his Washington professional football players at breakfast this morning.

Friendly heckling of all speakers, a feature of Early Bird breakfasts, quieted only for greetings from "Slinging" Sammy Baugh, Max Krause and Wayne Miller of the Redskins.

Coach Flaherty predicted a good year for the professional team as a result of a stronger backfield and the improved physical condition of his star passer, Sammy Baugh.

Naval Flyer Killed

The Navy Department said today that Lt. William Terrill Hulson, Navy flyer attached to the airplane carrier Saratoga, was killed yesterday when his plane crashed at sea off the California coast. Lt. Hulson, born in Colchester, Ill., was 27. He is survived by his widow.

10,000 Start Seeking Funds For Red Cross

Three Local Firms Sign Up 100 Per Cent Membership

An army of 10,000 volunteer workers started out today on their fight against suffering and hunger in the 24th annual Roll Call of the District Chapter of the American Red Cross, which began yesterday.

The first day of the Roll Call brought in 1,440 memberships. Roll Call headquarters announced. The greatest response came from residential areas where enrollments in the first 24-hour period totaled 241. General business memberships followed with a total of 120.

Homes, hospitals, banks, theaters, stores and private and public offices will be visited in the four-week drive, at the conclusion of which more than 130,000 citizens of Washington are expected to be wearing the Red Cross button.

Fifty per cent of each contribution goes to the national fund of the Red Cross—in great measure for war relief—but it was emphasized that this portion need not overshadow the other half, which is vitally needed for work in the local chapter.

Ex-Service Men Aided.

For example, it was pointed out by Roll Call officials, \$28,500 from last year's funds was used in aiding 2,000 ex-service men and their families in clothing and financial problems. More than \$6,500 was spent in teaching home hygiene and nutrition and proper method of food selection.

Hardly had the drive been officially launched yesterday with flag-raising ceremonies at the District Building than a contribution of \$5 was received at local headquarters from Branch No. 444 of the Czechoslovak Society of America.

"Our branch is small and has no funds," wrote Alois Vymetal, the secretary, "therefore we cannot contribute more than \$5—although we wish we could do more to this worthy cause."

Three local firms have already signed up a 100 per cent membership among their employees. They are Lanman Engraving Co., Edgar Morris Sales Co. and Barton, Duer & Kock.